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REMARKS

In a December 30, 2005 Office Action, Claims 2-5 and 7-13 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicants have amended the claims in accordance with the Office Actions' requirements for allowability. Since the claims are now in a form determined to be allowable in the prior Office Action, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration.

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In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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